(b) Under SJSRY, no targets are fixed by the Central Government. The matter pertaining to the targets under the scheme has been left to be decided by the State Governments in confonnity with the guidelines of the scheme and result of beneficiary survey. This has been done to ensure adequate flexibility in the operation of the scheme.

SJSRY will continue during the Ninth Plan and its impact on urban poverty would depend on the annual budgetary allocation to be decided by the Planning Commission and its implementation by the States.

Fund for Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation to Punjab

440. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government to Punjab during the last three years, for urban employment and poverty alleviation year-wise; and

(b) the procedure adopted by Government to ensure that the amount provided has properly been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) was launched by the Government on all India basis with effect from 01.12.97 for the benefit of urban poor. Statement showing amounts provided as Central release during the last three years to Punjab under SJSRY is as under:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the State	Released during 1997-98	Released during 1998-99	Released during 1999-2000	Total Amount Released 1997—2000
Punjab	68.33	135.22	53.86	267.41

(b) Guidelines have been issued to all the States/UTs for the effective implementation of the Scheme. Government is monitoring the scheme through quarterly progressive reports and through regular review meetings at the level of Minister/Secretaries with the Secretaries of States/UTs.

Urban housing in Andhra Pradesh

441. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN